

# OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

**SPRING 2011**

- ♦ APRIL
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**OUTDOORS** is your guide to programs and events within **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** – a unit of the National Park System. *Have questions on a program or event? Find the acronym (i.e. CCD) at the end of the description and contact the agency or organization below.*

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<b>CNPS</b>	818-348-5910	<b>California Native Plant Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.cnps.org">www.cnps.org</a> )
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<b>CRPD</b>	805-495-2163	<b>Conejo Recreation &amp; Park District</b> ( <a href="http://www.crpdpd.org">www.crpdpd.org</a> )
<b>CSP</b>	818-880-0363	<b>California State Parks</b> ( <a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov">www.parks.ca.gov</a> )
<b>CWC</b>	310-394-2799	<b>Coastwalk California</b> ( <a href="http://www.coastwalk.org">www.coastwalk.org</a> )
<b>FORC</b>	323-666-5004	<b>Friends of Runyon Canyon</b>
<b>LADPR</b>	213-738-2961	<b>County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks &amp; Recreation</b> ( <a href="http://parks.lacounty.gov">parks.lacounty.gov</a> )
<b>LAAS</b>	323-876-0202	<b>Los Angeles Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.losangelesaudubon.org">www.losangelesaudubon.org</a> )
<b>MCD</b>	818-889-6238	<b>Malibu Creek Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.malibucreekstatepark.org">www.malibucreekstatepark.org</a> )
<b>MLMD</b>	310-456-8432	<b>Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.adamsonhouse.org">www.adamsonhouse.org</a> )
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<b>MRT</b>	818-591-1701	<b>Mountains Restoration Trust</b> ( <a href="http://www.mountainstrust.org">www.mountainstrust.org</a> )
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<b>SFVGP</b>	818-702-8020	<b>San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch</b> ( <a href="http://www.calgourd.com">www.calgourd.com</a> )
<b>SMBAS</b>	310-476-3359	<b>Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://smbasblog.wordpress.com">smbasblog.wordpress.com</a> )
<b>SMMC</b>	310-589-3200	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</b> ( <a href="http://smmc.ca.gov">smmc.ca.gov</a> )
<b>SMMF</b>	805-370-2341	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Fund</b> ( <a href="http://samofund.org">samofund.org</a> )
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<b>SMMTC</b>	818-222-4531	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council</b> ( <a href="http://www.smmtc.org">www.smmtc.org</a> )
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<b>TCA</b>	310-459-5931	<b>Temescal Canyon Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.temcanyon.org">www.temcanyon.org</a> )
<b>TCD</b>	310-455-1696	<b>Topanga Canyon Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.topangacanyondocents.org">www.topangacanyondocents.org</a> )
<b>TOPAW</b>	805-494-1700	<b>Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists</b>
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Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

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401 West Hillcrest Drive  
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(closed some holidays)

805-370-2301

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*For the naturally curious*





SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
**science**  
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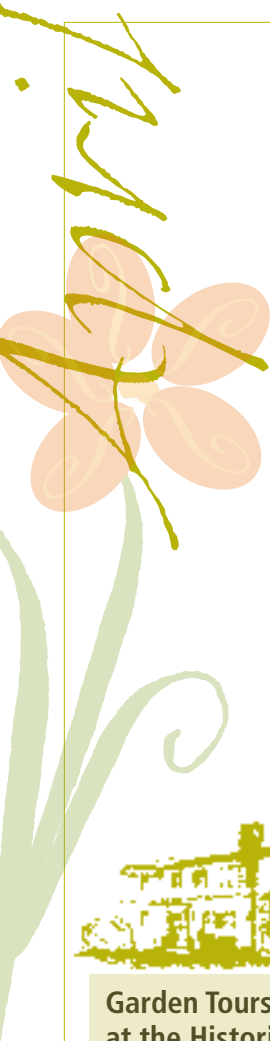


**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS SCIENCE FESTIVAL** returns this spring to Paramount Ranch. This free event is sponsored by the **National Park Service** in partnership with the **Natural History Museum of L.A. County** and **California Science Center**. Families in the Los Angeles region can learn about our diverse Mediterranean environment from scientists in the field.

The festival begins on **Friday, April 15th, 7pm–10 pm** with activities and hikes to discover nocturnal night creatures including bugs, bats and owls. The event continues on **Saturday, April 16th, 11am–4pm**, and will feature the importance and health of natural resources within 3 southern California national parks – **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Channel Islands National Park, and Cabrillo National Monument**. Park and local scientists will share their work on our reptiles and amphibians, vegetation, carnivore populations, rocky intertidal and kelp forests, and bird communities.

Enjoy activities for people of all ages, including hands-on demonstrations, nature walks, family activities, live animal displays, and a chance to meet and talk with the scientists. **Come out and discover the world around you!**

**[www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm)**



## Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

### Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.  
Reservations required:  
310-456-8432

### Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small  
groups (no reservations  
required).

Meet docent at the Gate  
House for a one-hour tour.  
Heavy rain cancels. FEE

**SAT 4/2 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/2 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/2 8:45am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/2 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbamtba.com](http://www.corbamtba.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 4/2 9am**

*Franklin Canyon*  
**Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk & the guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying glass and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 4/2 9:30am**

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Zuma Canyon Trailhead*  
**Springtime Splendor** Take a 4-mile moderate hike with ocean and canyon views. Bring water. 3hrs NPS

**SAT 4/2 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 4/2 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/3 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Audubon Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 4/3 8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Habitat Repair** Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER

### Art Exhibit – Stacey Best

Sunday, April 3 thru Saturday, May 7

### Painting the Natives:

Wildflowers of the Santa Monica Mountains  
Captured on Canvas

Enjoy over 30 paintings. To meet Stacey, come to the **Artist's Reception on Sunday, April 10**, from 1:30pm to 3pm at the Visitor Center.

Info: 805-370-2301

**SUN 4/3**

**9am**

*Circle X Ranch -*

*Mishe Mokuwa Trailhead*

**Mountain Wildflowers** On the trail to Split Rock, look for uncommon species at 2000.' For this 4-mile roundtrip hike, with option to go farther, wear durable shoes and bring water, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. 3–4hrs NPS

**SUN 4/3**

**9am**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Nature Trek** Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/3**

**10am**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages 3–8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/3**

**1pm**

*Topanga State Park*

**Springtime Splendor** Wildflowers follow winter rains. Stroll with a docent naturalist to see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

## Free Cultural Program

**Sunday, April 3**

**10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Celebrate the spring with Chumash elder and Satwiwa co-founder **Charlie Cooke** as he shares his culture through the art of storytelling. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



ALLIED ARTISTS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS & SEASHORE

## 8th Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

Headwaters Corner

**Sunday, April 3 11am to 5pm**

Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, lushness, and ambiance. Refreshments served. Artists donate in support of Mountains Restoration Trust.

Info: **Bruce Trentham 818-841-5930**  
or <http://allied-artists.com>

**TUE 4/5 8:30am***King Gillette Ranch*

**Easy-pace Hikers** Join us on a 5-mile, 400' gain hike. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

**SAT 4/9 8:30am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/9 8:30am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/9 8:45am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**La Sierra Restoration Day** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/9 9:30am***Headwaters Corner*

**Youth Naturalist Program: Birds** Ages 8–12, learn about bird behaviors. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 4/9 9:30am***Leo Carrillo State Park - Nicholas Flat Trailhead*

**Paint-out** Features include a pond and mountain vistas. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: 310-383-1374 or www.allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 4/9 1pm***Point Mugu State Park*

**Wild for Wildflowers** Marvel at the many coastal species on this moderate, 2-mile roundtrip hike to an ocean overlook. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301 or 805-488-1827 x106. Meet at campground entrance station. 2hrs NPS/CSP

**SAT 4/9 3pm***King Gillette Ranch***Capture A Nature Moment**

Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 4/9 6:30 pm***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Exploring the Darkness** Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/10 8am***King Gillette Ranch*

**Birds Everywhere** Singing, breeding, nesting, migrating—it's high time for birds in the mountains. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginners welcome. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS

**SUN 4/10 8:45am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Weed War** Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 4/10 9:30am***Cold Creek Preserve -**Preserve's Lower Gate***Awakening to Nature's Gift**

On a short guided walk, revel in the signs of wildlife in this pristine preserve. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 4/10 10am***Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 4/10 1pm***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr***Create a Beautiful Garden**

**Using Kitchen Scraps!** Join Naturalist Norma to learn how to create a healthy and earth-friendly garden. 1.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/10 1pm***Topanga State Park***Springtime Splendor**

Stroll with a docent naturalist to see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 4/10 3pm***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr***Capture A Nature Moment**

To learn the tricks of nature photography, join experienced photographer and naturalist Joanne. 2hrs MRCA

**THU 4/14 8am***Caballero Canyon -**Lower Trailhead***Thursday Hikers: Garapito****Trail to Eagle Rock**

Join us on a moderately paced, 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

*For inquiring minds of all ages. Watch owls fly at night. Identify a wildflower. Learn how to track mountain lions and bobcats. Listen to stories from long ago. Discover the mysteries of your neighborhood national park.*

**Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area  
Science Festival** at Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills CA

**april 15 + 16, 2011**

Friday, 7pm–10pm + Saturday, 11am–4pm

*ask* a scientist your most pressing questions.  
*explore* the amazingly wild Santa Monica  
Mountains. Have fun with hands-on demonstrations.  
*and draw your own conclusions!*

**INFO:** National Park Service **805-370-2301** or  
**[www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm)**



National Park Service + Natural History Museum of LA County + California Science Center

*For the naturally curious*

## **National Park Week April 16 – 24, 2011**

This is an annual celebration of *your* national parks. Celebrate locally!  
Join in the fun at the **Santa Monica Mountains Science Festival** (see above).

You can also drop in at the **National Park Service Visitor Center** and receive  
**15% off your purchase** during National Park Week and on June 21, 2011.

*Please note that the 15% discount cannot be combined with association membership or educator discounts.*

## Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

**Saturday • April 16**

**Sunday • April 17**

8am–5pm\*

### Headwaters Corner

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

### Registration required:

www.mountainstrust.org

818-591-1701 x189

\*30-minute program per dog

**SAT 4/16 8:30am**

*Caballero Canyon -*

*Lower Trailhead*

**Chaparral Chatter Wildflower Walk** Enjoy the emergence of new flowers in chaparral and oak woodlands on a leisurely paced, 3-mile, 800' gain walk. Bring water, snack, and hat. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

**SAT 4/16 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/16 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/16 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*

**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/16 9:30am**

*Runyon Canyon Park*

**Geology Walk** Geologist-led walk covering 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park, Mulholland Dr and Desmond Estates Rd. 2hrs FORC

**SAT 4/16 4pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*

**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Returning to Nature** Join naturalist Dora on this easy to moderate walk. Experience the colors, aromas, and sounds of nature. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 4/16 6pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREAT RENDEZVOUS HIKES

**Sunday (various times) April 17, 2011 – Topanga State Park**

Celebrate John Muir's birthday by joining 1 of 5 rendezvous hikes that converge at Trippet Ranch for the 12pm–1pm birthday party. Decorate and eat the famous Great Rendezvous John Muir/Sierra Birthday Cake. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-559-3126 (SC)

### 8am Hondo Canyon

8-mile, 1800' gain

Hike to old cabin site. Meet in Dead Horse parking lot (from Topanga Cyn Blvd go 0.1 mile east on Entrada). 5 hours. Info: 818-773-4601

### 8:30am Caballero Canyon

Strenuous 12-mile, 1500' gain

Meet at trailhead sign. 7 hours. Info: 818-708-9535

### 9am Los Liones Canyon

Moderate 11-mile, 1800' gain

Meet at end of Los Liones Drive. 6 hours. Info: 310-559-3126

### 10am Santa Ynez Canyon

Easy paced 8-mile, 900' gain

Meet at trailhead (from PCH go east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Drive, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). 4 hours. Info: 310-838-4842

### 10am Dead Horse Trailhead

Easier-paced 4-mile, round trip,

300' gain family walk. Meet at trailhead (from Topanga Cyn Blvd go 0.1 mile east on Entrada). 3 hours. Info: 310-477-9664

## Ever wonder "WHAT'S THAT FLOWER?" GET A FREE WILDFLOWER APP!

Enjoy the same powerful wildflower "Finder" function and great wildflower photos that is on the park's website. Download the app or mobile version at:

[www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/wildflowers.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/wildflowers.htm)



**SUN 4/17 9am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying glass and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/17 9:30am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Morning Summit Hike** Explore the vistas of the canyon with naturalist Sheila on a moderate to difficult hike, including a trek to the summit of Hastain Trail. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/17 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/17 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Springtime Splendor** Wildflowers follow winter rains. Stroll with a docent naturalist to see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

### Satwiwa Sundays

**Sunday, April 17**

**10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Learn how to create a ring toss game with Gabrielino/Tongva artist and cultural affairs officer **Julie Bogany**. Native Americans used the ring toss to help teach children how to become good hunters. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## Earth Day Whale Fest

April 17, Sunday

10am–4pm

Leo Carrillo State Park

Enjoy kid's activities, environmental education booths, and much more.

\$12 parking fee. Info:

[www.earthdaywhalefest.org](http://www.earthdaywhalefest.org)

Sponsored by California State Parks and the Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn



Junior Rangers, earn your National Junior Ranger Day patch at this year's Whale Festival!



**SUN 4/17 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Franklin Canyon Ranch*

**Nearly Full Moon Adventure** Enjoy a brisk, moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. Park gates close promptly at 9:15pm. All ages welcome. 2hrs MRCA

**TUE 4/19 9am**

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons*

**Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail** On this 8-mile, 1400' gain hike, go past Upper Zuma Falls then up the Zuma Ridge Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

**THU 4/21 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nachochan Gathering** "Nachochan" in Tongva means "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 4/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work Tools** and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 818-406-1269. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/23 10am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Portraits of Nature** On this ranger-led program for ages 5-12, learn about native plants while making simple drawings of them. "Create-a-sketch" activity will also be included. Kids will be able to take their final drawings home. 1.5hrs NPS

**SAT 4/23 4pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Wildlife Crossroads** Big or small, furry or scaly, wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains is diverse, plentiful, and just plain fun to see. Look for signs along the trail while learning how they live. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 4/24 8:30am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 4/24 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 4/24 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*  
**Springtime Meander on the Bluffs** Discover native wildflowers and grasses (and the invasion of weeds). Enjoy great views of mountains and sea. Dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach and look for dolphins, whales, and sea birds. 2hrs CNPS

## Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series

**April 19, Tuesday at 7:30pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*

**6,656 Acres of Family History**

Descendents of the Marquez/Reyes family **Teri de la Peña** and **Sharon Reyes** will reveal rich stories and photographs of their ancestors. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

**SUN 4/24** **1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Springtime Splendor** Wildflowers follow winter rains. Stroll with a docent naturalist to see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 4/26** **9am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers:**  
**Trippet Ranch to Parker Mesa Overlook** Enjoy the views and vistas on a 6-mile roundtrip hike with 1200' gain to an ocean overlook. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 3hrs SC

**TUE 4/26** **7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**SAT 4/30** **8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/30** **10am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** On this walk by the creek, learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

**Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1**  
**Point Mugu State Park**

Help improve trails and parks!  
No experience needed. Just a spirit of fun and adventure. Enjoy free camping plus the Saturday night barbecue and campfire. Bring long pants, hat, gloves, water, and lunch. On Saturday/Sunday morning, meet at 8:30am along service road at 4122 West Potrero Road in Newbury Park to caravan.

For more information:  
[www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org) or 818-222-4531

CSP/NPS/CNPS/SC/SMMTC/CORBA

## Photography Exhibit Opening Saturday, April 30 11am–1pm

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*

**Photographer Pete Padilla**  
will share images of  
Native American  
cultural events.  
Info: 805-370-2301

*The exhibit will run  
through July 30.*



**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

# May

**SUN 5/1 7am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Audubon Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 5/1 9am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/1 9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SUN 5/1 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/1 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 5/1 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Butterflies and Bees at Work** Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 5/1 4pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Returning to Nature** Join naturalist Dora on this easy to moderate walk. Experience the colors, aromas, and sounds of nature. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**THU 5/5 8am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join us on a 7-mile, 1650' gain hike to Nicholas Flat. Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). \$2 fee. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, and lugsoles. Info: 310-457-9783. Rain cancels. 4hrs SC

## Satwiwa Sundays

**Sunday, May 1**

**10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**

**Rowan Harrison** is a Navajo and Pueblo of Isleta artist who creates hand-built decorative pottery. He will demonstrate the ancient art of coiling without using a potter's wheel! All ages welcome.

*To learn more about the artist:*  
[www.twotribespottery.blogspot.com](http://www.twotribespottery.blogspot.com)

**Program Info: 805-370-2301**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**





## Santa Monica Mountains Native Plant Sale & Planting Event

May 7, 2011

Saturday, 8am to noon

Rancho Sierra Vista main parking lot

*Enjoy the wonder and beauty of native plants, at home and in the park.*

The Santa Monica Mountains Fund sponsors this annual native plant sale. Select a plant for Mother's Day. Get expert advice on gardening with natives and fire-safe landscaping. Take a tour of the National Park Service's ethnobotanic garden and native plant nursery. At 10am, join other park supporters for a special planting event to help restore your parkland. All proceeds of plant sales to benefit park restoration and education projects. wInfo: 805-370-2301

## BACKBONE TREK

Saturday, May 7, 2011 to  
Saturday, May 14, 2011

Hike the 65-mile-long Backbone Trail  
from Point Mugu State Park to  
Will Rogers State Historic Park.

This is a moderate to strenuous hike (about 9 miles a day) with limited participants. Camp along the way for one week. Carry just your lunch in a daypack, while volunteers shuttle your gear to the campsites and prepare your dinners. Fee is \$350.

Info: [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org)  
or contact Jerry at 818-406-1269  
or [backbonetrek2011@roadrunner.com](mailto:backbonetrek2011@roadrunner.com)

NOTE: Registration closed April 8th.

Organized by Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council

**SAT 5/7 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 5/7 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/7 8:45am**

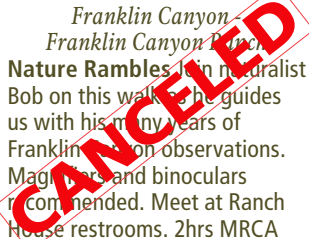
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 5/7 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbamtb.com](http://www.corbamtb.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 5/7 9am**

*Franklin Canyon*  
**Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying glass and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA



## FASCINATING ETHNOBOTANY ETNOBOTÁNICA FASCINANTES

### *Bilingual Family Hike*

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

**Saturday, May 7 9am**

Join us on an easy paced bilingual (Spanish) walk. Become familiar with native plants in the Santa Monica Mountains and discover some of their impressive uses. Meet in main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301. 1hr

**Sábado, Mayo 7 9am**

Etnobotánica Fascinantes Familiarizarse con las plantas nativas de las montañas de Santa Mónica y descubre algunos de sus usos notables en esta caminata fácil. En español. Encuéntrenos en el estacionamiento principal. Info: 805-370-2311. 1hr

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SAT 5/7 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve -*

*Lower Stunt High Trailhead*

**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 5/7 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 5/7 3pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*

**Capture A Nature Moment**

Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/8 8am**

*King Gillette Ranch*

**Out of the Nest** We'll look for scraggly newborns and fledglings by sight and sound. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginners welcome. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS

**SUN 5/8 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Weed War** Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 5/8 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 5/8 11am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Mothers' Day Garden Luncheon** Enjoy luncheon in the gardens of the historic Adamson House. Reservations required: 310-456-8432. Fee. 4hrs MLMD

**SUN 5/8 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*

**Butterflies and Bees at Work** Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 5/8 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*

**Capture A Nature Moment**

To learn the tricks of nature photography, join experienced photographer and naturalist Joanne. 2hrs MRCA



FREE

## Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

May 8, 3pm – 5pm

### The Wellkey Show

Featuring *Alan Boivin* and *Jerry DeJong*  
with their respective bands — covering Dylan,  
Creedence, Clapton, the Eagles, and more.

National Park Service Info: 805-370-2301



TUE 5/10 9am

*Topanga State Park*

### Moderate Hikers: Trippet Ranch to Temescal Peak

Enjoy geological formations at  
Eagle Rock and Cathedral Rock  
on an 8-mile, 900' gain hike  
with views from the valley to  
the ocean. Bring water, lunch,  
and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:  
310-477-9664. 4hrs SC

## Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

Saturday • May 14

Sunday • May 15

8am–5pm\*

*Malibu Creek State Park -  
Tapia Unit*

Your dog will learn to avoid  
rattlesnakes and warn you  
when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

### Registration required:

www.mountaintrust.org  
818-591-1701 x189

\*30-minute program per dog



SAT 5/14 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work Tools** and instruc-  
tions provided. Bring gloves,  
water, lunch, and sturdy foot-  
wear. For meeting place, call  
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/14 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water,  
work gloves, long-sleeve shirt,  
and eye protection. For work  
location, call 818-222-4531.  
6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/14 8:45am

*Cold Creek Preserve*

**Habitat Repair** Help restore  
oak trees, shrubs, and bunch  
grasses that feed and shelter  
wildlife. Receive community  
service credit. Reservations  
required: 818-591-1701 x203  
or volunteer@treepeople.org.  
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/14 9:30am

*Headwaters Corner*

**Youth Naturalist Program:**  
**Outside Survival** For children  
8–12, do you know what to do  
if you get lost while hiking?  
Learn how not to get lost and  
how to stay safe if you do get  
lost. Bring lunch, water, and  
wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-  
registration required: www.  
mountaintrust.org or 818-591-  
1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 5/14 9:30am

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -*

*Zuma Canyon Trailhead*

**Paint-out** Great for spring  
painting: hiking trails, syc-  
mores, and mountain views. For  
the new or experienced artist,  
any media. Info: 310-383-1374,  
or www.allied-artists.com. 4hrs  
AASMM

SAT 5/14 7pm

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Exploring the Darkness** Join  
naturalist Steve for this slow  
evening stroll to experience the  
smells, sounds, and sights of  
darkness. Requirements: flash-  
light, tolerance for darkness,  
and capacity for quiet observa-  
tion. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/15 8:45am

*Malibu Creek State Park*

**Return of the Lost Oak  
Woodlands** Help rebuild habi-  
tat. Receive community service  
credit. Reservations required:  
volunteer@treepeople.org or  
818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs  
MRT/CNPS/TP



## Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival

*Join us to celebrate our 51st year with Southern California's Favorite Bluegrass, Old-Time, and Folk Music Event!*

**May 15, 2011**  
**Sunday 9am–6pm**  
**Paramount Ranch**

Featuring bluegrass, old-time, and folk music, folk dancing, jamming musicians, folk arts booths, and exhibits on national, state, and local parks. FEE.

**Info: 818-382-4819 or**  
**[www.topangabanjofiddle.org](http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org)**

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc.  
in cooperation with the National Park Service

**SUN 5/15 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 5/15 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/15 1pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Create a Beautiful Garden Using Kitchen Scraps!** Join Naturalist Norma to learn how to create a healthy and earth-friendly garden. 1.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/15 9:30am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Morning Summit Hike** Explore the vistas of the canyon with naturalist Sheila on a moderate to difficult hike including a trek to the summit of Hastain Trail. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/15 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate*  
**Canyon Reverie** Descend through the pristine preserve, marveling in lush vegetation, a boulder home, a fern grotto, and a gurgling marsh. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

## Satwiwa Sundays

**Sunday, May 15**  
**10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**

**Join Chumash traditional dancer and storyteller Dennis Garcia as he presents stories and songs. Enjoy this opportunity to learn about local Native American culture. All ages welcome.**

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 5/15** **1pm**

*Topanga State Park*

**Butterflies and Bees at Work**

Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

**MON 5/16** **7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*

**Moonlit Hike** Enjoy a brisk, moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. Park gates close promptly at 9:45 pm. All ages welcome. 2hrs MRCA

**TUE 5/17** **8:30am**

*Malibu Creek State Park -*

*Tapia Unit*

**Moderate Hikers** Join us on a hike from Tapia Park to the Rock Pool and Century Lake on a 6.5-mile return trip, 500' gain hike. Bring 2 qts water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 4hrs SC

**TUE 5/17** **7pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

# Culture in the Canyon

at the  
Chautauqua Series

**May 17, Tuesday at 7:30pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*

## Seeing into Los Angeles' Sustainable Future

Climate change and declining oil production...what does that mean for car-centric, imported water-loving Los Angeles? Jessica Hall will explore how understanding the ecology and natural processes that shaped our basin will help us transition to a more ecologically sustainable city. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

**THU 5/19** **8am**

*Topanga State Park*

**Moderate Hikers: Eagle Rock**

**Loop** Join an 8-mile, 1200' gain loop hike from Trippet Ranch to Eagle Rock. Bring 2 qts water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-246-6257. 4hrs SC

**THU 5/19** **7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Nachochan Gathering**

"Nachochan" in Tongva means "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 5/21** **8:30am**

*Caballero Canyon -*

*Lower Trailhead*

**Chaparral Chatter Wildflower**

**Walk** Enjoy the emergence of new flowers in chaparral and oak woodlands on a leisurely paced, 3-mile, 800' gain walk. Bring water, snack, and hat. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

**SAT 5/21** **8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 5/21** **8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/21** **8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 818-406-1269. 6hrs SMMTC

## Malibu Lagoon State Beach

### Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. FEE. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon  
Museum Docents  
**310-456-8432**

**SAT 5/21 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Restoration Day** Help halt the invasion of weeds in wetlands and along the trails. Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 5/21 4pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Wildlife Crossroads** Big or small, furry or scaly, wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains is diverse, plentiful, and just plain fun to see. Look for signs along the trail while learning how they live. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/22 8am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Birds of Spring** Many habitats attract colorful migrants and summer residents including the elusive grasshopper sparrow. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

**SUN 5/22 8:30am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 5/22 9am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/22 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 5/22 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Butterflies and Bees at Work** Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 5/24 9:15am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers** Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy) for a 7-mile, 1530' gain hike to Nicholas Flat. Rain cancels. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, and lugsoles. \$2 fee. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

**TUE 5/24 7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**SAT 5/28 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 5/28 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

### A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**9:00am**

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon.  
**2.5 hours MLMD**

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and soccer teams).

**Reservations required:**  
**310-456-8432**  
**or 310-317-8379**

**SAT 5/28 10am**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*

**Let's Move Outside** Kids of all ages, come celebrate National Physical Fitness Month by getting physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course and prizes will be awarded! Meet on the lawn. 1hr NPS

**LET'S MOVE!**

AMERICA'S MOVE TO RAISE A HEALTHIER GENERATION OF KIDS



**SUN 5/29 8am**

*Franklin Canyon -*

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Up Close and Personal Wildflowers** Bring your camera and explore spring flowers through the camera lens. This is the best time of the year to capture nature's colorful wardrobe. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 5/29 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 5/29 10am**

*Paramount Ranch*

**Creek Critters** Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals in Medea Creek. Learn what they can tell us about the creek's health. Enjoy a fun and educational hands-on (and feet-in) activity! Meet in the Pavilion at the Western Town. Reservations recommended: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 5/29 10am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*

**Welcome to Malibu Creek**

On this walk by the creek, learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 5/29 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

**Springtime Meander on the Bluffs** Discover native wildflowers and grasses. Enjoy great views of mountains and sea. Dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach and look for dolphins, whales, and sea birds. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 5/29 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*

**Butterflies and Bees at Work**

Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD



**SUN 5/29 1pm**

*Paramount Ranch*

**Creek Critters** Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals in Medea Creek. Learn what they can tell us about the creek's health. Enjoy a fun and educational hands-on (and feet-in) activity! Meet in the Pavilion at the Western Town. Reservations recommended: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

## DRAWING FROM

**NATURE:** Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5–12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at:  
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For info on the Reserve:  
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Help us introduce children to nature!  
Info: 310-457-7247

Charmlee Wilderness Park is owned and operated by the City of Malibu.

June

**National Trails Day**



**Saturday, June 4**  
**9am – 1pm**

Join a community of partners in a nationwide event to restore trails. Bring gloves, sunscreen, water, and a snack. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

NPS, CSP, SMMTC, and Santa Monica Mountains Task Force of the Sierra Club

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**WED 6/1 9am**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Plein Air Landscape Painting**  
All artists and want to be artists are welcome to bring their own materials and join us. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

**SAT 6/4 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work Tools and instructions provided.** Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/4 8:45am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 6/4 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbambtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 6/4 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying glass and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 6/4 9:30am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Insects and Arthropods** Ages 8–12, learn about insects and listen to an entomologist from the Natural History Museum. Bring lunch and water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 6/4 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 6/4 10am**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Bugs, Lizards, etc.** Ages 8 and up, look for and learn about small creatures that live in the park. Explore the nature center. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 6/4 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 6/4 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Portraits of Nature** On this ranger-led program for ages 5–12, learn about native plants while making simple drawings of them. "Create-a-sketch" activity will also be included. Kids will be able to take their final drawings home. 1.5hrs NPS

**CANCELED**

**SAT 6/4** **5pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Returning to Nature** Join naturalist Dora on this easy to moderate walk. Experience the colors, aromas, and sounds of nature. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/5** **7am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Audubon Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 6/5** **8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Habitat Repair** Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 6/5** **9am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/5** **9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

## Satwiwa Sundays

**Sunday, June 5**

**10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Artist **Sam Banagas** shares his culture and art depicting plains, woodlands, and surrealism. He will share old traditions, legends, and the myths of many Native American tribes. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 6/5** **10am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages 3–8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/5** **1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Summer's A-Comin'** Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 6/7** **8am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Hidden Stairs** Count the stairs on this hike from Will Rogers State Beach to Will Rogers State Historic Park through Rustic Canyon. Meet on Adelaide Drive and 4th Street in Santa Monica (1 block north of San Vicente Blvd). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

## Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

**Saturday • June 11**

**Sunday • June 12**

**8am–5pm\***

*Malibu Creek State Park -  
Tapia Unit*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

**Registration required:**

[www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org)

818-591-1701 x189

\*30-minute program per dog

**SAT 6/11** **8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/11 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt and eye protection. Info: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/11 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Restoration Day** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 6/11 9:30am**

*Circle X Ranch -  
 Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*  
**Paint-out** Terrific and inspiring mountain views. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 6/11 10am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Creek Critters** Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals in Medea Creek. Meet in the Pavilion at the Western Town. Reservations recommended: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

**SAT 6/11 3pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 6/11 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Exploring the Darkness** Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/12 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed War** Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 6/12 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Summer's A-Comin'** Learn how wildlife prepare for summer on this walk. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 6/12 1:30pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**What's at Strauss** Take a stroll with a ranger and discover the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. After the program, attend a concert in the amphitheater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at the bulletin board. 1hr NPS

**SUN 6/12 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** To learn the tricks of nature photography, join experienced photographer and naturalist Joanne. 2hrs MRCA

**TUE 6/14 9am**

*Circle X Ranch -  
 Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*  
**Moderate Hikers: Mishe Mokwa to Sandstone Peak (3111')** Join us on a 9-mile loop, 1500' gain hike. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Info: 818-786-4932. 5hrs SC

**WED 6/15 9am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Plein Air Landscape Painting** Bring your own materials and join us. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

**WED 6/15 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
 Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Moonlight and Stars Hike** All ages are welcome to enjoy a brisk, moderately strenuous hike. Park gates close promptly at 9:45pm. 2hrs MRCA

**WED 6/15 8pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**FREE**

## Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

June 12, 3pm – 5pm

**Get Down Boys and  
Rockyneck Bluegrass**

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo  
Fiddle Contest & Folk  
Festival, Inc. and the  
National Park Service

**INFO: 818-382-4819**  
[www.topangabanjofiddle.org](http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org)  
 (see 'Free Concerts')



**THU 6/16 8am**

*Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Thursday Hikers: Cold Creek to Saddle Peak** For this moderately paced, 8-mile 1500' gain hike, bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**SAT 6/18 8:30am**

*Caballero Canyon -  
Lower Trailhead*  
**Chaparral Chatter Wildflower Walk** Join us on a leisurely paced, 3-mile, 800' gain walk. Bring water, snack, and hat. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

**SAT 6/18 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/18 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt and eye protection. Info: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/18 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove Spanish broom from Saddle Peak. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 818-406-1269. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/18 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



**National Park Service**

## LECTURE SERIES

### Urbanization Isolates Wildlife

**June 18  
Saturday, 2pm**

National Park Service  
Visitor Center

NPS Ecologist  
**Dr. Katy Semple Delaney**  
will describe her recently published study about habitat fragmentation and its effect on genetic diversity of common species in this area.  
1.5 hours

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**SAT 6/18 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Summer Solstice Hike** Join naturalist Michael on this moderate hike up the Hastain Trail while exploring the flora at your feet and what's in the sky above. 2hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/19 9:30am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Morning Summit Hike** Explore canyon vistas with naturalist Sheila on a moderate to difficult hike. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/19 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Join naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

**SUN 6/19 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Summer's A-Comin'** Learn how wildlife prepare for summer on this walk. 2hrs TCD

*Photo by  
Kerry Perkins*

## Satwiwa Evening Program

**Saturday, June 18  
7:30pm – 9pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join **Julie Tumamait-Stenslie** as this Chumash storyteller shares stories, songs, and local area history. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 6/19** 4pm*Santa Monica Mountains***Long Day's Night Hike**

A moderately strenuous, 7-mile hike from Santa Ynez Canyon to Trippet Ranch and back.

Meet at Santa Ynez Trailhead (from Hwy 1, east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile; left on Palisades Drive 2.5 miles; left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate).

Bring snack and water. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC



**Santa Monica Mountains  
Malibu Nature Preserve Camp-Out**

**June 19 – 23, 2011 Sunday – Thursday**

Enjoy coastal views and mountain scenery plus dinners prepared by volunteers and four nights camping at the preserve. Limited participation. Fee. Info: [www.coastwalk.org](http://www.coastwalk.org)

**Nature Discovery Camp****Session 1: June 20 – June 24, 2011****Monday – Friday, 9am****Headwaters Corner**

Ages 8–12 will discover the wonders of nature with the aid of scientific tools, activities, crafts, games, guided hikes, and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. Sessions 2 and 3 will be held in July and August. Each session will include a field trip and a new theme each day. Pre-registration required. Fee. 6 hours.

**For more info or to register:**

Susan, Mountains Restoration Trust,  
818-591-1701 x212 or [www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org).

# Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

**June 21, Tuesday at 7:30pm****Temescal Gateway Park****Now Flying Through a Solar System Near You**

The Dawn mission is JPL/NASA's latest venture into the solar system. Remnants from the time that planets were formed, the targets Ceres and Vesta hold clues that will help scientists understand the dawn of the solar system. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

**THU 6/23** 7pm*Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr***Nachochan Gathering**

"Nachochan" in Tongva means "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 6/25** 8am*Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Canyon Birds** Spring has sprung and the birds are busier than ever. With new fledglings and lots of wildflowers, naturalist Paul will guide you through the canyon's many permanent residents and a few seasonal visitors. 2hrs. MRCA

**SAT 6/25 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/25 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/25 10am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** On this walk by the creek, learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SAT 6/25 4pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Wildlife Crossroads** Big or small, furry or scaly, wildlife is diverse, plentiful, and fun to see. Look for signs along the trail while learning how they live. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 6/25 7pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Buggy Night** Walk the trails and then return to the nature center to see if any moths have been attracted to our UV lights. Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 6/25 7:30pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile loop hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight. 2hrs NPS



**SUN 6/26 8:30am**


*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 6/26 9am**

*Franklin Canyon*  
**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Nature Rambles** Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifying glass and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA



**SUN 6/26 9:30am**

*Rocky Oaks*  
**Safe Not Sorry June** is  **National Safety Month.** Join a ranger on a short hike and learn how not to have a sorry adventure. Identify poison oak, ticks, and other safety issues. 1.5hrs NPS

**SUN 6/26 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children & Parents** For this special short walk, binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 6/26 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*  
**Springtime Meander on the Bluffs** Discover native wildflowers and grasses. Enjoy great views of mountains and sea. Dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach and look for dolphins, whales, and sea birds. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 6/26 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Summer's A-Comin'** Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 6/28 9:15am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 8-mile, 1200' gain loop hike on a secluded trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier @ 8:30am. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

**TUE 6/28 7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**THU 6/30 8am**

*Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead*  
**Thursday Hikers: Nike Missile Site** Enjoy the views on a moderately-paced, 8-mile, 1100' gain hike. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

# Hiking & Safety Tips



*A Butterfly and a Boy by Alexander Viduetsky, Spirit of the Mountains  
Photo Contest 2010 Winner – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Tie, A Moment in Time Category*

## **TICKS**

Ticks are plentiful and some may carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

## **SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES**

These snakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In the event of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

## **FOOTWEAR**

Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

## **POISON OAK**

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

## **NEVER HIKE ALONE**

Use the buddy system. That allows someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

## **HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE**

Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas.  
Do not build fires on the ground.

## **KEEP HYDRATED**

Carry and drink plenty of water. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

## **NOTE**

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

# Regularly Scheduled Activities

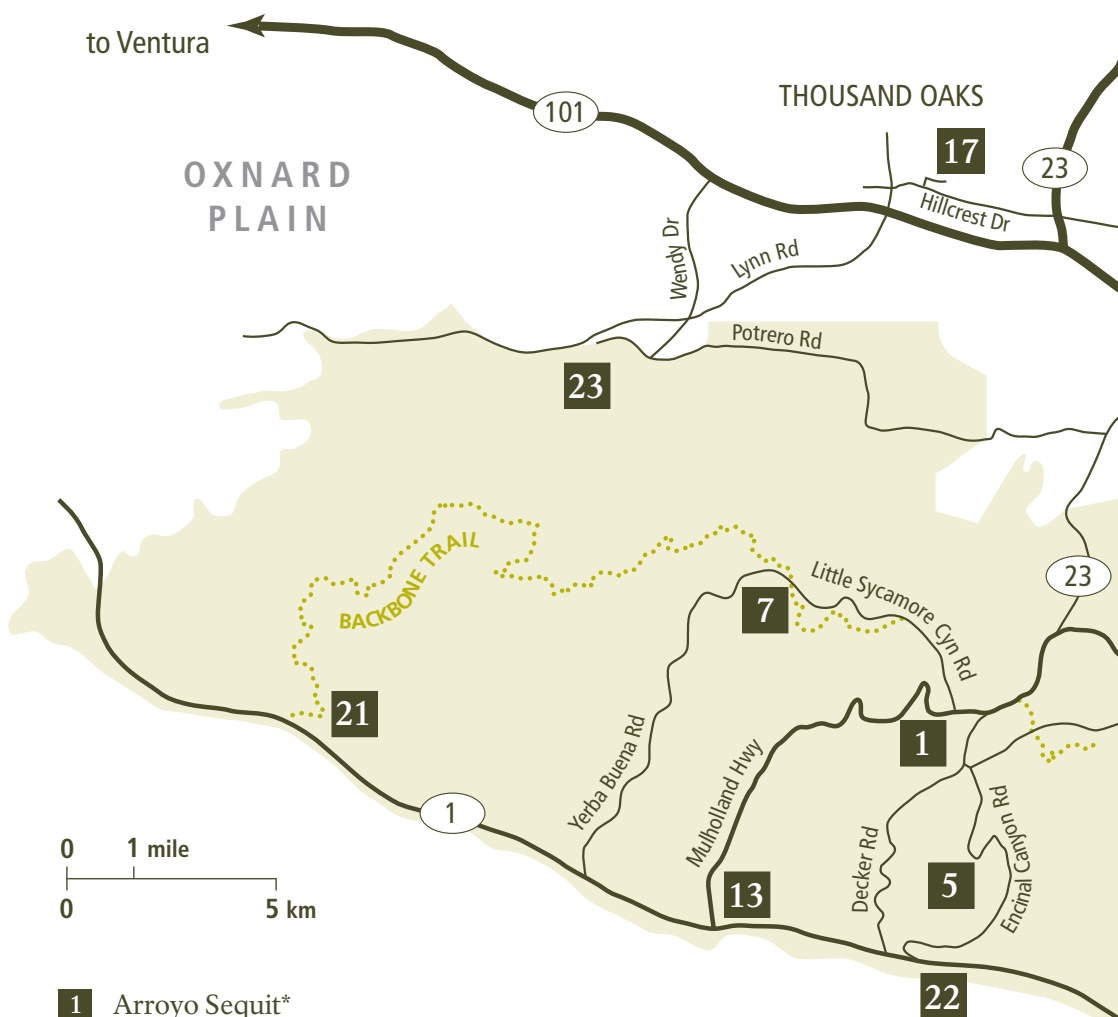
<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center</b>	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- 1 **\*Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.  
**Lower Trailhead:** 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.  
**Upper Trailhead:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 **\*Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 **\*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 **\*Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.  
**Sandstone Peak Trailhead:** 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.  
**Mishe Mokwa Trailhead:** 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.  
**Lower Stunt High Trailhead:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.  
**Preserve's Lower Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon**  
**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)  
**Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon):** From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101)  
Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101)  
Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park**  
Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.  
**Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.  
**Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.  
**Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).  
**Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**  
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.  
**Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 \*National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 \*Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 \*Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.  
**Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

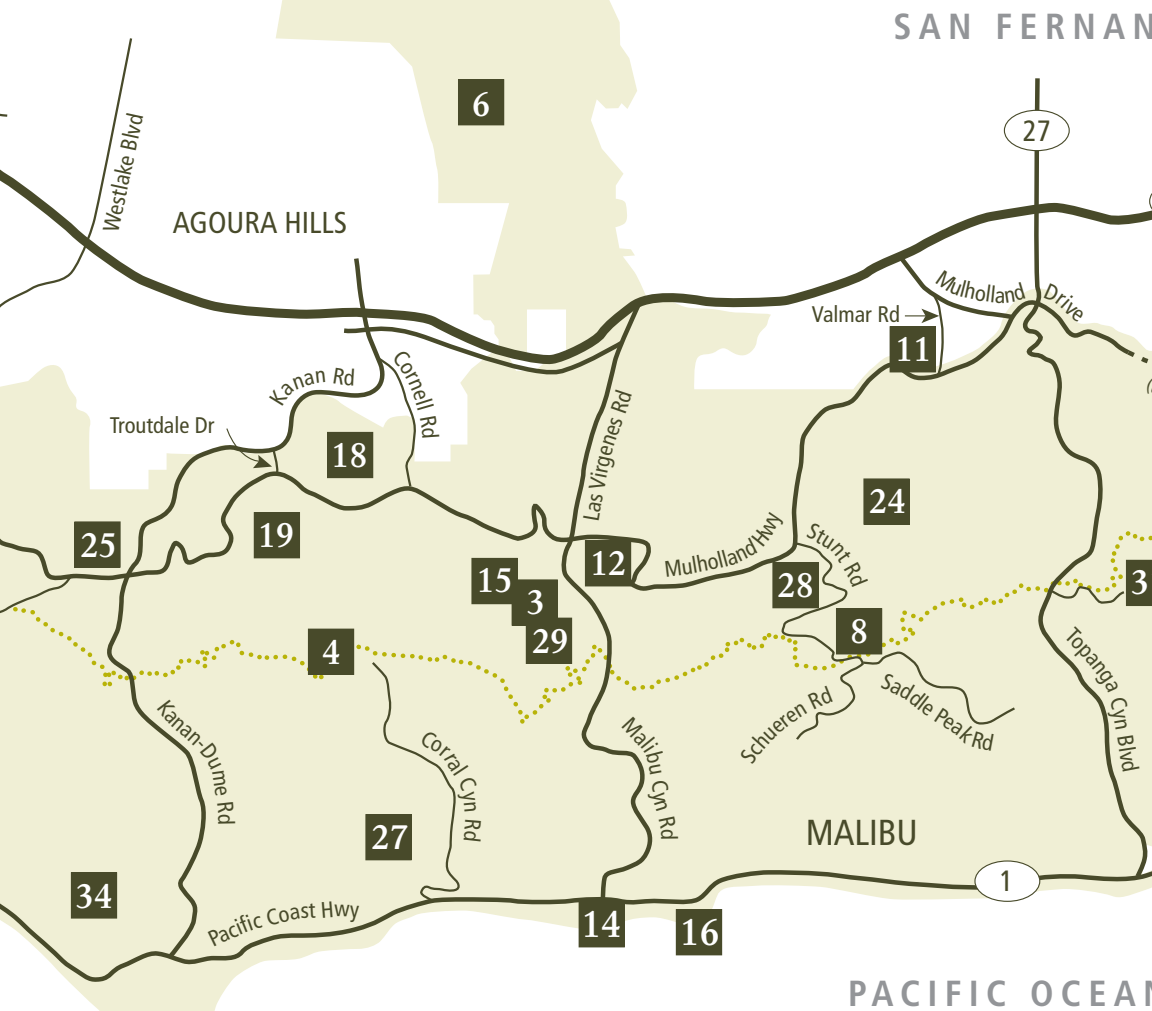
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# National Recreation Area

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**23 \*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa**

Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.

**Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

**24 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

**25 \*Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

**26 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

**27 \*Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center* See #23.

*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
See #10.

**28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.

**29 Tapia Park** See #15.

**30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

**31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

**Dead Horse Trailhead:** From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

**Los Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

**32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

**33 Will Rogers State Historic Park**  
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

**34 \*Zuma/Trancas Canyons**

**Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

**Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

**Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



*Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.*

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